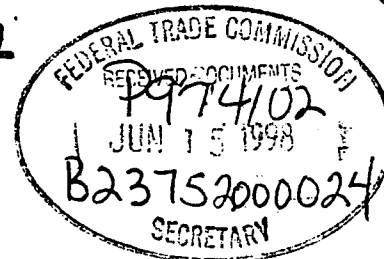


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Subject: Deceptive Business Practices

To Secretary of the FTC,

Several months ago I requested a FREE newsletter advertised by the company ProStep. The newsletter, which I never received, was about a home based business opportunity that could be run from home. Since I have been fairly home based since a back injury, I couldn't see the harm in reviewing the newsletter. WRONG! Like I mentioned, the promised newsletter never arrived, but in its place I've received about 20 phone calls, numerous e-mails, and around 50 mailings concerning MLM. All of the folks that I've spoken to, some of the mailings, and all of the e-mails have credited ProStep as the source for my name, phone number and address. No where in their ad did they spell out that MLM was Multi Level Marketing. I know that I'm not interested in this type of 'business', but wasn't aware that this is what MLM meant. I called an 800# (which I can't find to give to you), and left a message that they were to stop giving out my name, etc., and instructed them to inform those that had received my name to stop contacting me. The mail hasn't stopped, but the phone calls have slowed down (but not stopped), as have the e-mails. ProStep's ad is gone from the FreeStuff site where it was first found, so I can't give you their 800# or e-mail address. They do have a web page that I accessed at <http://www.prostep.com>, but when I try to access it my computer says that an illegal operation was performed, and it shuts down. The e-mail address of the last person that contacted me through Prostep is: 74733.3606@compuserve.com (Linda Pitney). Hopefully she'll be willing to put you in touch with these people, if you decide to persue this matter, and I hope that you will. Practices such as this one need to be stopped. I've included my name, address and phone number if you'd like to contact me in a way other than e-mail. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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